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SUBJ(CT: AFTERNOON NEWS AND COMMENT SUMMARY JULY 2

FOR BRAY

1. HIGHLIGHTS. MONDAY NOONSTAAR FEATURES RENTAL CAR SOUGHT IN ISRAELI SLAYING, REPORTING FBI ISSUED NATIONWIDE LOOKOUT FOR A LIGHT-COLORED CAR WITH RENTAL TAGS. STORY SAYS SISCO PRESENT AT BRIEF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AT ANDREWS LAST NIGHT BEFORE PRESIDENTIAL PLAN LEFT FOR ISRAEL.

1A. STAR PAGE TWO FEATURES 2 NIXON ASSOCIATES TIED TO GIFTS FOR GURNEY, LOCAL AP REPORTING MIAMI HERALD SAYS CHOTINER REBOZO BOUGHT HUNDRED-DOLLAR TICKETS TO PARTY FOR GURNEY'S 1974 CAMPAIGN, AP ADDING GURNEY SAID IN WASHINGTON WORST OF WATERGATE IS OVER FOR PRESIDENT WITH DEAN'S TESTIMONY, AND HE REALLY DIDN'T PRODUCE MUCH EVIDENCE TO INVOLVE PRESIDENT.

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1B. MONDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGES SAN CLEMENTE CLYMER
REPORTING NIXON TO RELAX TRADE BAN; JAPAN WILL GET BADLY
NEEDED SOYBEANS; ALSO HONG KONG WOODRUFF, CHINA SHIFTS TO

ENTENTE WITH US, AND ONLY REGARDING CAMBODIA DOES
PEKING REGULARLY DENOUNCE US NOW.

2. HELSINKI. STAR PAGE 8 HAS HELSINKI AP HEADED, MALTA
MAY SNAG CONFERENCE, AP SAYING MEETING HEADED FOR A SNAG
TODAY EVEN BEFORE ALL DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AS MALTA IS MAK-
ING DEMANDS WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE DELEGATES TO MEET IN A
CLOSED SESSION SOME TIME EARLY IN THE WEEK-LONG TALKS.
ACCORDING AP, INFORMANTS SAID MALTA ATTACHED A NOTE TO ITS
ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION WHICH INSISTED THAT THE QUESTION
OF PARTICIPATION BY NORTH AFRICAN ARAB STATES SHOULD BE
RE-EXAMINED, AP ADDING MALTA IS SAID TO BE ASKING NOT FOR
FULL PARTICIPATION BY NORTH AFRICAN STATES SUCH AS ALGERIA
LIBYA TUNISIA EGYPT BUT AT LEAST A CHANCE FORMALLY TO PRE-
SENT THEIR VIEWS ON SECURITY IN THE COURSE OF THE CONFER-
ENCE, AP NOTING THAT ITALY SPAIN YUGOSLAVIA HAVENT SUP-
PORTED MALTA ON THE ISSUE. AP SAYS COUNTRIES OPPOSING THE
IDEA FEAR THAT ISRAEL WOULD ALSO ASK TO PARTICIPATE AND
THEN WHOLE MIDEAST ISSUE WOULD BE INVOLVED. AP SAYS ROGERS
AND AT LEAST FIVE OF HIS WESTERN COUNTERPARTS WERE STOPPING
OVER IN LONDON TO HELP CELEBRATE DOUGLAS-HOME'S 70TH BIRTH-
DAY AND ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TOGETHER TOMORROW JUST IN
TIME FOR FORMAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE. AP SAYS GROMYKO
WILL OPEN FIRST WORKING SESSION AND OBSERVERS ARE ANXIOUS
TO HEAR WHAT HE SAYS RE HUMAN CONTACTS.

2A. HELSINKI AP ON PAGE SIX OF BALTSUN REPORTS A SOVIET
DIPLOMAT ARRIVED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ONE DAY LAST WEEK AT
5 A.M. AND STOOD OUTSIDE UNTIL OPENING TIME IN EFFORT TO
MAKE CERTAIN GROMYKO WAS INSCRIBED FIRST ON LIST OF VISIT-
ING SPEAKERS WHEN CONFERENCE INCLUDING ROGERS MEETS IN
EFFORT TO STABILIZE EUROPEAN PEACE THROUGH MULTINATIONAL
AGREEMENTS. AP NOTES A BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VIENNA
AND HELSINKI CONFERENCES:VIENNA MET TO REDRAW BORDERS;
SOVIETS HAVE BEEN PROMOTING HELSINKI AS A MEANS OF NAILING
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DOWN FRONTIERS CREATED BY WORLD WAR II. AP REPORTS A
SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCE IN WASHINGTON SAID LAST
WEEK CHANCES ARE NOW BETTER THAN 50-50 THAT MOSCOW WILL
EVENTUALLY AGREE TO INCREASED HUMAN CONTACT SUCH AS MOVE-
MENT OF NEWSMEN AND NON-INTERFERENCE WITH WESTERN BROAD-
CASTS. AP SAYS THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ADOPT A 30-

PAGE AGENDA AT HELSINKI AND THEN, IF ALL GOES WELL, COMMITTEES WILL MEET IN GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER ON MATTERS RANGING FROM SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS TO COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENT.

3. SOVIET UNION. BALTSUN HEADLINES WASHINGTON AP, BEAM SAYS US-SOVIET RELATIONS AT PEAK, AP REPORTING AMBASSADOR SAID IN US NEWS & WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW THAT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS MAY HAVE REACHED THE HIGHEST POINT THEY WILL ATTAIN, NOTING THAT THE SCALE OF FRIENDSHIP REACHED BY NIXON-BREZHNEV DURING LATTER'S VISIT MAY REQUIRE SOME EXPLAINING IN SOVIET UNION, BEAM ADDING THERE ARE IDENTIFIABLE FACTIONS AT THE TOP FOR AND AGAINST THE NEW COURSE AND IF BREZHNEV WERE TO DISAPPEAR THE BALANCE IN POLITBURO COULD BE UPSET AND EVEN NOW BREZHNEV IS SOMEWHAT ON THE SPOT PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS TRADE; HE HAS TO SHOW HE CAN DO PROFITABLE BUSINESS WITH NIXON.

4. MIDEAST. BALTSUN HEADS NICOSIA STORY, ISRAEL REPORTEDLY RUINED POW DEAL WITH EGYPT, STEPHEN LYNTON REPORTING THAT INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAS PRIVATELY TOLD DIPLOMATS ISRAEL SABOTAGED A PLANNED PRISONER-OF-WAR EXCHANGE WITH EGYPT IN JUNE BY VIOLATING A SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA THAT PROHIBITED TORTURE ALLEGATIONS BUT ISRAELI PILOTS DENOUNCED SYRIA FOR TORTURING THEM AS SOON AS THEY WERE FREED BY SYRIA JUNE 3. LYNTON ADDS ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED THE ACCURACY OF THIS ACCOUNT AND ISRAELI CENSORS HAVE PROHIBITED CORRESPONDENTS FROM REPORTING IT.

5. COMMENT. MARQUIS CHILDS COLUMN BALTSUN IS ENTITLED, CAN NIXON CONTINUE TO GOVERN? CHILDS SAYS MASSIVE EVIDENCE IS ACCUMULATING THAT NIXON CANNOT GOVERN THE COUNTRY FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, CITING NOT ONLY WATERGATE BUT DISCLOSURES UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT CHISELING ON HOMES AT SAN CLEMENTE AND KEY BISCAYNE. CHILDS SAYS REPUBLICANS WHO RECOIL IN HORROR FROM THE VERY WORD IMPEACHMENT SEEM TO FORGET THEY INSTITUTE THAT PROCEEDING NOT LONG AGO WHEN REP. FORD AND 109 OTHERS JOINED IN EFFORT TO IMPEACH JUSTICE DOUGLAS. CHILDS SEES BASIC QUESTION AS WHETHER WE HAVE A WORKABLE GOVERNMENT.

5A. WASHSTAR EDITORIAL SUPPORTS NIXON-CONGRESSIONAL COMPROMISE ON INDOCHINA AS SATISFACTORY WAY OUT OF IMPASSE; STAR HAD FAVORED ENDING CAMBODIAN BOMBING BUT AGREES THAT ENDING IT ABRUPTLY NOW COULD HAVE PROVED INJURIOUS TO NEGOTIATIONS RE CAMBODIA.

6. NEWSWEEK. ARTICLE, EUROPE'S DIZZY WHIRL OF DETENTE, REPORTED YEAR OF EUROPE HAD ARRIVED WITH A VENGEANCE: ROGERS HELD TWO LONG MEETINGS WITH NATO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON IN PARIS POMPIDOU-BREZHNEV; IN VIENNA DATE WAS SET FOR TROOP REDUCTION TALKS; AND FROM SAN MARINO TO SOFIA LEADERS OF 35 NATIONS PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON THEIR CSCE POSITIONS. NOW A WRENCHING TRANSFORMATION FROM COLD WAR TO NEW ERA, IN WHICH CONSTANT EAST-WEST DISCUSSION SEEMS ORDER OF THE DAY, PROMISES--DESPITE PITFALLS ALONG THE WAY--TO SHAPE FUTURE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN EUROPE FOR DECADES TO COME. FIRST REAL TEST WILL COME AT HELSINKI, SAYS ARTICLE, WHERE FONMINS ARE EXPECTED TO ESTABLISH THREE WORKING COMMISSIONS. KREMLIN SEES PARLEY AS A KEY LINK IN ITS CAMPAIGN TO WEAKEN WEST EUROPE'S TIES TO US AND IT HOPES, BY WARMING ITS OWN RELATIONS TO US AND OTHER WESTERN CAPITALS, TO CONVINCE WEST THAT DETENTE IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE. ARTICLE HOLDS WASHINGTON FEELS IT HAS MADE SUCH SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN DEALING WITH MOSCOW THAT THE MULTILATERAL FORUM IN HELSINKI HAS LOST SOME OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE AND ONLY IN AREA OF HUMAN CONTACTS DOES WASHINGTON APPEAR TO BE DRIVING A HARD BARGAIN, MENTIONING RADIO JAMMING, CULTURAL EXCHANGES, FREER BORDERS. NOTING DISAPPEARANCE OF BALANCED FROM MBFR, NEWSWEEK NOTES WEST EUROPEAN CONCERN THAT SUPERPOWERS ARE TALKING SO MUCH TO EACH OTHER NEITHER OF THEM SEEMS TO BE PAYING MUCH ATTEN-
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TION TO EUROPE ANY MORE.

6A. STEWART ALSOP CONCLUDES HIS PAGE SAYING: IT SEEMS CLEAR ALREADY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION IS THE ONLY TOLERABLE WAY OUT OF THE TRAGIC MESS IN WHICH THE COUNTRY FINDS ITSELF; BUT THREE YEARS AND MORE OF A PARAPLEGIC PRESIDENCY SEEMS A FAR MORE LIKELY PROSPECT; IT IS A FRIGHTENING PROSPECT.

7. TIME ARTICLE ON HELSINKI IS HEADED BY PHOTOS OF GROMYKO AND ROGERS AND SAYS MEETING HAS POTENTIAL HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A GRAND NEW DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE, INDICATING WHETHER DETENTE WILL DEVELOPE INTO PEACE OR WHETHER CONFERENCE MAY BOG DOWN AND BECOME LITTLE MORE THAN RHETORIC; MUCH DEPENDS ON SOVIET UNION. ARTICLE QUOTES LUNS SAYING RUSSIANS ARE TRYING TO DIMINISH AMERICAN PRESENCE IN EUROPE AND EVENTUALLY COMPLETELY END IT. ARTICLE ADDS MOSCOW HAS FINALLY AGREED AGENDA SHOULD INCLUDE FREER FLOW, ALSO ADVANCE WARNINGS ABOUT MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND EXCHANGE OF MILITARY OBSERVERS; ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF SECURITY CONFERENCE MAY BE DETERMINED BY HOW SERIOUSLY SOVIETS FOLLOW THROUGH ON THESE CONCES-

SIONS. TIME SAYS GROMYKO WILL BE FIRST SPEAKER, ROGERS
WILL BE ONE OF THE LAST. TIME ADDS POMPIDOU MAY BE
RIGHT IN SAYING SECURITY CONFERENCE STILL HAS LONG WAY TO
GO BEFORE IT ESTABLISHES ITS PLACE IN HISTORY. RUSH

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